

MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A fastening pin for attaching fixtures to floors, walls, or similar objects, by insertion into a pre-drilled hole, comprising a shank and flexible protrusions attached to the shank, wherein each protrusion covers an angle of less than 90 degrees around the shank, whereby the flexible protrusions have an external dimension being greater than a diameter of the pre-drilled hole into which the fastening pin will be inserted and the shank has a portion with the protrusions and a portion without protrusions, whereby the portion with the protrusions is homogenous ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the protrusions (2) are tapered towards their tips and circumferentially distributed along the longitudinal axis of the shank and the protrusion axis of the symmetry is situated in the plane of the symmetry of the shank.
2. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 1, characterised in that the protrusions (2) are inclined at a slight angle to a longitudinal axis of the fastening pin and facing towards its head.
3. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 1, characterised in that the protrusions (2) are in the form of a narrow truncated pyramid with a rectangular base referred to as spade-shaped.

4. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 1, characterised in that the protrusions (2) have a variable cross-section area.
5. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 1, characterised in that the protrusions (2) have unequal height.
6. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 5, characterised in that the protrusions (2) of a different height are attached to the shank at different points along the axis of a longitudinal axis of the fastening pin and around a cross-section at a particular point.
7. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 5, characterised in that the height of the protrusions (2) differ along the pin's longitudinal axis.
8. (currently amended) The fastening pin according to claim 1, characterised in that protrusions (2) ~~may be~~ are manufactured from a material different from a fastening pin's (1) core material.
9. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 8, characterised in that the protrusions (2) are in the form of bars, preferably made of steel.
10. (currently amended) A fastening pin and threshold cover strips engaging the fastening pin for attaching the threshold cover strips to floors,

walls, or similar objects, by insertion of the fastening pin into a pre-drilled hole, comprising

a cylindrical shank (7),

flexible protrusions (2) attached to the shank (7) and for engaging the pre-drilled hole,

a flexing neck joint (6) attached to the cylindrical shank (7), [[and]]

a head attached to the flexing neck joint (6), and

~~located in a channel of the~~ a threshold cover strip (5) having a channel,

~~wherein characterised in that the shank is provided with a flexing neck joint (6) located between the shank and the head (4)~~ is located in the channel of the threshold cover strip (5).

11. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 10, characterised in that flexing neck joint (6) has a constriction on part of the neck.

12. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 11, characterised in that the narrowing of the cross-section may be in the form of a circumferential groove (9) on the neck (7).

13. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 11, characterised in that the narrowing of the cross-section may be in the form of grooves (10), preferably radial and perpendicular to the pin's longitudinal axis.

14. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 11, characterised in that grooves (10) may be formed at any chosen point on the neck.
15. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 10, characterised in that the neck may be in the form of a bent flat bar (11) possibly with thinnings at the extremities of the bends to allow a spring effect at a specific point(10).
16. (previously presented) The fastening pin according to claim 10, characterised in that the joint (6) may be made of a material more elastic than the material constituting the core.
17. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 10, characterised in that the joint (6) takes the form of a hinge.
18. (withdrawn) A fastening pin for attaching fixtures to floors, walls, or similar objects, by insertion into a pre-drilled hole, comprising a shank, a head attached to an upper end of the shank and flexible protrusions attached to the shank, characterised in that the flexible protrusions (2) are spade-shaped and moulded round the shank for $\frac{2}{3}$ of a length of the shank from its lower end and to a part of the shank near the head (4) are attached splines fins (16) tapering towards the lower end of the shank.

19. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 18, characterised in that the fins (16) are located symmetrically round the pin's longitudinal axis.
20. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 18, characterised in that fins (16) have a slight tapering towards the inner pin end.
21. (withdrawn) The fastening pin according to claim 18, characterised in that the shank is provided with a neck (6) located between the fins (16) and the head (4).
22. (new) A fastening pin for attaching fixtures to floors, walls, or similar objects, by insertion into a pre-drilled hole (3), comprising
- a head (4) having a bottom end;
 - a flexible joint (6) having a top end and having a bottom end, wherein the top end of the flexible joint (6) is formed at the bottom end of the head (4);
 - a shank (7) having a top end and having a bottom area, wherein the top end of the shank (7) is formed at the bottom end of the flexible joint (6); and
 - flexible projections (2) having a first end and having a second end, wherein the first end of the flexible projections (2) is attached to the bottom area of the shank (7), wherein the second end of the flexible projections (2) extends

radial from a symmetry axis of the shank (7) up to beyond a radius of the pre-drilled hole (3) into which the fastening pin will be inserted and wherein the shank (7) has a bottom area portion with the flexible projections (2) and a top end portion without the flexible projections, wherein the bottom area portion of the shank is homogenously covered with the flexible projections (2), wherein the flexible projections (2) are tapered towards their second ends, wherein the flexible projections (2) are circumferentially and longitudinally distributed along the longitudinal axis of the shank (7) starting from the bottom area of the shank (7), and wherein a symmetry axis of the flexible projections (7) intersects with the symmetry axis of the shank (7) and is situated in a respective plane intersected by the symmetry axis of the shank (7).

23. (new) The fastening pin according to claim 22 further comprising a flat essentially triangular adapter piece disposed symmetrical relative to the symmetry axis of the shank (7) at the top end of the shank (7), wherein a top of the adapter piece is formed by a top edge of the adapter piece extending radial from the symmetry axis of the shank (7) and defining two upper corners of the triangular adapter and wherein a lower corner of the triangular adapter is disposed on the symmetry axis of the shank (7),

wherein the flexible joint (6) with its bottom end extends along and is attached to the top edge of the adapter piece, wherein the head (4) is formed by a T-shaped section having a bottom end, wherein the bottom end of the T-shaped section extends along and is attached to the top end of the flexible joint (6) and wherein a top plane of the T-section is disposed perpendicular to the symmetry axis of the shank (7).

24. (new) The fastening pin according to claim 22 further comprising an elongated floor strip (5) having a curved cross-section convex on a top and concave on a bottom and having rails engaging the head such that the elongated floor strip (5) can slide over the rails in longitudinal direction into a desired position.